

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 358 without my signature.

This bill limits budgetary flexibility by statutorily specifying the maximum amount of the Cal Grant award for those recipients attending private postsecondary institutions as well as a formula for computing subsequent increases. It would simply lead to more “auto-pilot” spending. Current law allows the Governor and Legislature to adjust the award amount in the annual Budget Act. Legislation is not necessary either to set the maximum award amount or to adjust it in future years.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger